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EXTRACT of a Duplicate of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, Knight of the Bath, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to Mr. Stephens, received on Friday last, by Captain Erasmus Gower, of Majesty's Ship Medea; the Original of which is on board the Pondicherry Armed Transport, not yet arrived.

Superb, in Madrass Road, July 25, 1783.

MY last Address to you, for their Lordships Information, was dated the 19th of March, of this Year, from Bombay. By it I signified my Intention to proceed to Sea with the Ships of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, and I sailed accordingly on the Day following.

On the 8th of April, off the Bassas, I was joined by Captain Troubridge, in His Majesty's Ship Active, who had been cruizing for a Month off the Friar's Hood by my Orders, and had seen nothing of the Enemy's Squadron during that Time.

In the Night of the 10th, a Grab Ship of the Enemy's, that had been taken from the English, fell into the Squadron and was captured. By the Officers, Prisoners, taken in this Ship, I learned the Whole of the Enemy's Squadron, under the Command of Monsr. Suffrein, was in Trincamalé Harbour, except Two of their best sailing Line of Battle Ships, and Two Frigates, which were cruizing off Madras to block up that Port, and intercept all Supplies bound to it: I therefore immediately steered with the Squadron for that Place, and anchored in the Road on the 13th of April, but saw nothing of the French Cruizers; however, as they had been in Sight of the Place only the Day before, I directed the Ships named in the Margin,* under the Orders of Captain Mitchell, of the Sultan, to proceed to Sea, and use all possible Diligence to intercept them; and, on the Day following, Captain Graves, of His Majesty's Ship Sceptre, whose Signal had been made to chase a strange Sail on the 11th, joined me with the Naiade, a French Frigate of 30 Guns, and 160 Men, which he had come up with in the Night and captured.

On the 16th of April, Captain Burney, of His Majesty's Ship Bristol, with his Convoy from England, arrived in this Road, escorted by the Ships under the Orders of Captain Mitchell, of the Sultan, who had seen nothing of the Enemy's Cruizers, but fell in with the Bristol and her Convoy at Sea.

On the 19th of April, the Company's Ship Duke of Atbol made the Signal of Distress, and the Boats of the Squadron being ordered by Signal to her Assistance, she unfortunately blew up, by which unhappy Accident the Squadron lost † Six Commissioned and Four Warrant Officrs, and 127 of our best Seamen.

From the Day of the Squadron's Arrival in this Road, all possible Diligence have been used to compleat the Ships Water, in doing which great Delays and frequent Disappointments arose from the Want of a sufficient Number of Shore Boats, and the high Surf on the Beach. However I put to Sea on the 2d of May with His Majesty's Ships to seek the Enemy's Squadron, and, if possible, intercept their expected Reinforcements, although the Water of many of the Ships was by no Means compleat, having left in the Road His Majesty's Three Storeships Pondicherry, Harriott, and Minerva, to lade Military Stores and Provisions for the Service of the Army then about to march for the Attack of Cuddalore, where the Marquis de Bussy, with the greater Part of the French Land Forces, was posted; and to cover and protect these Storeships, as well as some other Ships and Vessels employed for the same Purpose, from the Enemy's Cruizers, I left in the Road, at the Request of the Select Committee of this Presidency, His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as per Margin, ‡ under the Command of Captain Hasliday, of His Majesty's Ship Isis.

On the 15th of May, when off Cuddalore, I spoke Two Portuguese Ships from Trincamale, who informed me Monsr. Suffrein with his whole Force was there, fitting for Sea with all possible Expedition, to come to the Relief of Cuddalore: From that Time I continued working to Windward with the Squadron along Shore, lest the Enemy's Squadron should pass in Shore of me, and fall on the Storeships and their covering Party, then at Anchor near to Cuddalore.

On the 25th of May I came off Trincamale, and reconnoitred the Position of the Enemy's Squadron, which I did not think by any Means eligible to attack at Anchor, under Cover of their Gun and Mortar Batteries, and therefore stood to the Southward to intercept any Reinforcement or Supplies that might be coming to them, at the same Time watching their Motions by the Frigates of the Squadron, and keeping within a proper Distance of the Place, lest they should put to Sea in the Night, and fall down on the covering Ships and Storeships off Cuddalore.

* Sultan, Burford, Africa, Eagle, and Active.

† The Names of the Commissioned Officers are as follow, those of the Warrant Officers are not yet known, viz.

Lieutenant Charles Egan, of the Superb,
——— Neal Morrison, of the Eagle.
——— Thomas Wilson, of the Sceptre.
——— James Thompson of the Juno.
——— Pringle, of the Active.
——— Alexander Allen, of the Seahorse.

‡ Isis, Active, San Carlos, Naiade, Chaser, Pondicherry, Minerva, and Harriot.

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On the 1st of June Two Engliſh Seamen in a Boat eſcaped from the French Squadron, and brought certain Intelligence, that the Fendant, of 74 Guns, with Two Frigates and Two Storeſhips, had ſlipped out of Trincamalé Bay; the Storeſhips I concluded carried Stores for the French Garriſon of Cuddalore, and the Fendant and Two Frigates deſtined to cover and protect them; and being apprehenſive they might attack our covering Ships and Storeſhips off Cuddalore, I bore away on the 2d of June for the Coaſt, and on the 3d had Sight of the Fendant and Two Frigates, whom I chaced till Night, when I loſt Sight of them.

I continued cruizing with the Squadron to the Southward of Cuddalore till the 9th of June, when I anchored in Porto Novo Road, about Seven Leagues to the Southward of that Place, partly to cover our own Ships in Cuddalore Road, and engage the Enemy's Squadron before they could anchor there, and partly to endeavour to get a Supply of Water, of which many Ships began to be in Want; but, after exerting ourſelves to the utmoſt, no Water could be obtained either at Porto Novo or Tranquebar; at the firſt Place the Enemy's Troops were in Poſſeſſion of both Banks of the River, at the other the Wells were dried up.

On the 13th of June the Enemy's Squadron, under the Command of Monſ. Suffrein, came in Sight to the Southward, conſiſting of Fifteen Ships of the Line, Three Frigates and a Fireſhip; and the ſame Day I weighed with His Majeſty's Squadron, and dropped down to about Five Miles Diſtance off Cuddalore, and there anchored: The French Squadron anchored off the Coleroon River, about Seven or Eight Leagues to the Southward of our's.

On the 17th the French Squadron being under Sail and bearing down, I made the Signal, and weighed with His Majeſty's Squadron, and formed the Line of Battle a-head to receive the Enemy: In the Evening they hauled the Wind, and ſtood to the Southward, and I followed them with His Majeſty's Squadron: From this Time to the 20th I was continually employed in endeavouring to get the Wind of the Enemy, which, however, I was never able to effect, from the extraordinary Variableneſs of the Winds, that often brought Part of the two Squadrons within a random Shot of each other. On the 20th, the Enemy ſtill having the Wind, ſhewed a Diſpoſition to engage, when I immediately formed the Line of Battle a-head, and brought to to receive them: At Four Minutes paſt Four, P. M. the Van Ship of the Enemy, having firſt tried her Diſtance by a ſingle Shot, when ſcarce within Point-blank Shot Diſtance, the Enemy's Squadron began their Fire on His Majeſty's, which, at Twenty Minutes after was returned, and a heavy Cannonade enſued on both Sides, the Enemy ſtill keeping up their firſt Diſtance; the Cannonade continued till Seven, P. M. when the Enemy hauled off: At Day-light I made the Signal and wore with the Squadron, and brought-to to repair the Damages, with the Ships Heads towards the Land; ſeveral of the Ships much diſabled in their Hulls, Maſts and Rigging, the Gibraltar and Iſis in particular; the Enemy's Squadron not in Sight,

In the Morning of the 22d I ſaw the French Squadron at Anchor in Pondicherry Road, bearing S. S. W. directly to Windward of His Majeſty's Squadron, and ſome of them getting under Weigh; and I made what Sail I could towards them, and anchored the ſame Night off the Ruins of Alemparvo, the more effectually to ſtop Shot Holes, and repair the Damages ſuſtained.

I beg you will be pleaſed to inform their Lordſhips, that ſo early as the 8th of June, the Scurvy began to make a rapid Progreſs among the Crews of all the Ships of the Squadron, but particularly on board the Ships laſt arrived from England, under the Orders of Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart.

The Number of Sick on board the Line of Battle Ships amounted on that Day to 1121 Men, 605 of whom being in the laſt Stage of the Scurvy, I was under the Neceſſity of ſending on the Day following to the Naval Hoſpital at this Place, in His Majeſty's Ships Briſtol and San Carlos.

From that Time to the 22d, the Diſeaſe increaſed the Numbers of the Sick daily, ſo as moſt of the Ships of the Line had from 70 to 90 Men, and the Ships laſt from England double that Number, very many in the laſt Stage of the Diſeaſe, and unable to come to Quarters, dying daily. Under theſe Circumſtances, and the Water of moſt of the Ships being expended, except a few Caſks in their Ground Tiers, and none to be obtained to the Southward, I determined to return to this Road, there to land the Sick and Wounded, and compleat the Water of the Squadron for further Service; and on the 23d of June I weighed with the Squadron, and arrived in this Road of the Afternoon of the 25th.

On my Arrival there, I received authentic (although not official) Intelligence, that the Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain, France, Spain, and America, had been ſigned and ratified, as well as a Ceſſation from Hoſtilities agreed on between Great Britain and the States General of the United Provinces, of which Information the Select Committee of this Preſidency were alſo in Poſſeſſion; and being ſummoned the ſame Day to a Conſultation with the Select Committee, to take into Conſideration theſe Circumſtances, I concurred with the other Members of the Committee, that it would be proper and was neceſſary to communicate to the Commanders in Chief of the Sea and Land Forces of the French King at Cuddalore, the Information we had received, together with the Grounds on which we believed it to be true and authentic; and on the 27th of June I diſpatched His Majeſty's Ship Medea, as a Flag of Truce, with Letters to Monſ. Suffrein and the Marquis de Buſſy.

On the 4th of July the Medea returned to this Road, with Anſwers from Monſ. Suffrein and the Marquis De Buſſy to my Letters of the 27th of June, by which they concurred in a Ceſſation of Hoſtilities by Sea and Land, as well as an immediate Releaſe and Return of Priſoners on both Sides: In Conſequence, I have received all the Priſoners belonging to the Squadron in Monſ. Suffrein's Power, amounting to about 200, and have returned all thoſe made Priſoners in French Ships, amonnting to about 350. Monſ. Suffrein informs me by Letter, he has alſo ſent to the Mauritius for ſuch Engliſh Priſoners as have been ſent thither, and will return them.

I have judged it neceſſary to ſend, for their Lordſhip's Information, the Line of Battle of His Majeſty's Squadron under my Command, on the 20th of laſt Month, and a Liſt of the French Ships oppoſed to me under the Command of Monſ. Suffrein.

LINE OF BATTLE.

The Cumberland to lead with Starboard Tacks on Board, the Defence with Larboard.

Frigates, &c.	Rates.	Ships.	Commanders.	Guns.	Men.	Diviſion.
	3d	Cumberland	Captain William Allen	74	600	
Chaſer	—	Monmouth	—— James Alms	64	500	
San Carlos	4th	Briſtol	—— James Burney	50	350	
Pondicherry	3d	Hero	Commodore Rich. King, Captain Theoph. Jones	74	617	Commodore of the Red.
Harriet	—	Eagle	—— William Clark	64	500	
	—	Magnanime	—— Tho. Mackenzie	64	500	
Juno, to repeat Signals	—	Sceptre	—— Samuel Graves	64	500	
	—	Burford	—— Peter Rainier	70	520	
Combuſtion	—	Monarca	—— John Gell	68	580	
Medea	—	Superb	Sir Edw Hughes, K. B. Captain Hen. Newcome	74	622	Vice-Admiral of the Blue.
Lizard	—	Sultan	—— Andrew Mitchell	74	600	
	—	Africa	—— Robert M'Donall	64	500	
Seahorſe, to repeat Signals	—	Worceſter	—— Charles Hughes	64	500	
	—	Exeter	—— John Sam. Smith	64	500	
Naiade	—	Inflexible	—— Hon. John W. Chetwynd	64	500	
Minerva	—	Gibraltar	Sir Rich. Bickerton, Bt. Captain Thomas Hicks	80	693	Commodore of the White.
Active	4th	Iſis	—— Chriſ. Halliday	50	350	
	3d	Defence	—— Tho. Newnham	74	600	

(A Copy.) EDWARD HUGES.

A Liſt of the French Squadron in the Engagement with the Britiſh Squadron in the Eaſt Indies, on the 20th of June, 1783.

Ships.	No. of Guns.
Le Heros	74
Le Fendant	74
Le Hannibal	74
L'Illuſtre	74
L'Argonaute	74
Le Sphinx	64
Le Vengeur	64
L'Artiſien	64
L'Ajax	64
Le Sévére	64
Le Brilliant	64
L'Hardie	64
Le St. Michael	60
Le Flamand	50
Le Petit Hannibal	50
Le Cleopatre	36
L'Apollon	40
Le Coventry	28

EDWARD HUGHES.

Abſtract of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines Killed and Wounded on board His Majeſty's Ships in the Action of the 20th of June, 1783.

Ships.	Killed.	Wounded.
Superb —	12	41
Hero —	5	21
Gibraltar —	6	40
Monmouth —	2	19
Cumberland —	2	11
Monarca —	6	14
Magnanime —	1	16
Sceptre —	17	47
Sultan —	4	20
Burford —	10	20
Defence —	7	38
Inflexible —	3	30
Africa —	5	25
Worceſter —	8	32
Eagle —	4	8
Exeter —	4	9
Briſtol —	—	10
Iſis —	3	30
Total	99	431

Officers Killed.

Lieutenant Robert Travers of the Monarca.
Lieutenant James Dow — Sultan.
Lieutenant John Lett — } Defence.
Mr. Parker, Maſter — }

Officers Wounded.

Lieutenant Middlemore, of the } Hero.
2d Lieutenant Thompſon of Marines }
Lieutenant Watſon — Sceptre.
Mr. Stone, Maſter — Sultan.
Mr. Hunter, Boatſwain — Defence.
Mr. Sinclair, Boatſwain — Worceſter.

Whitehall, January 13.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Kelly, His Majeſty's Prime Serjeant in Ireland, to be One of the Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas in that Kingdom, in the Room of Godfrey Lill, Eſq; deceaſed.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Sir Samuel Bradſtreet, Bart, Recorder of the City of Dublin, to be One of the Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench in the Kingdom of Ireland, in Addition to the Number of Juſtices heretofore appointed for the ſaid Court.

And Peter Metge, Eſq; His Majeſty's Third Serjeant at Law in Ireland, to be One of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, in the ſaid Kingdom, in Addition to the Number of Juſtices herefore appointed for the ſaid Court.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Alexander Crookſhank, Eſq; to be one of the Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas in the ſaid Kingdom, in Addition to the Number of Juſtices heretofore appointed for the ſaid Court.

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The King has been pleaſed to ſign a Preſentation, appointing the Reverend Robert Walker to be Miniſter of the Cannongate Church, in the Preſbytery and County of Edinburgh, vacant by the Death of the Reverend Dr. William Lothian.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Requiring Paſſes, formerly granted to Ships and Veſſels trading in the Way of the Cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coaſt of Barbary, to be returned into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and other Paſſes of different Forms to be iſſued.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of Auguſt, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign, We did charge and command all Our loving Subjects who then were, or ſhould be, poſſeſſed of any Paſſes for Ships and Veſſels belonging to Our Subjects trading to Portugal, the Canaries, Guinea, the Indies, into the Mediterranean, or elſewhere, in the Way of the Cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coaſt of Barbary, (except ſuch Paſſes as had been granted to Ships gone or going to the Eaſt Indies, or other remote Voyages, where they could not be timely furniſhed with New Paſſes) that they ſhould, before the Thirty-firſt Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-ſeven, return the ſame, and furniſh themſelves with Paſſes of a new Form, under the Hands and Seals of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their ſeveral Ships and Veſſels, in ſuch Manner as by the ſaid recited Proclamation was directed: And whereas it hath been humbly repreſented unto Us, that there is the greateſt Reaſon to believe, that many of Our Paſſes may, either by Accident, or undue Means, have fallen into the Hands of Foreigners, who, by Colour of ſuch Paſſes, may carry on their Trade; We, taking the Premiſes into Our Royal Conſideration, and judging it neceſſary to put a ſpeedy Stop to all ſuch indirect Practices, which do not only tend to the Prejudice of Our Trading Subjects, but may occaſion a Miſunderſtanding between Us and the Governments on the Coaſt of Barbary, for preventing thereof, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare, That all ſuch Paſſes of the preſent Form, now in being, ſhall not continue in Force longer than till the Thirty-firſt Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four, (except ſuch Paſſes as have been granted to Ships gone or going to the Eaſt Indies, or other remote Voyages, where they cannot be timely furniſhed with New Paſſes; and that in ſuch Caſe, the Paſſes of the preſent Form do continue in Force for Two Years, from and after the ſaid Thirty firſt Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four). And We do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects, who are or ſhall be poſſeſſed of any ſuch Paſſes, that they do, before the Thirty-firſt Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four, return the ſame (except ſuch as are before excepted) into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, or to the reſpective Collectors of Our Cuſtoms at the Out-Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the Governors of ſome of Our Foreign Plantations or Dominions, in order to their being cancelled; and that they do furniſh themſelves with Paſſes of a new Form, under the Hands and Seals of Our Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu therof, for their ſeveral Ships and Veſſels, according to the Treaty ſubſiſting between Us and the ſaid Governments on the Coaſt of Barbary, and the Regulations made by Our Royal Predeceſſor King George the Firſt, by Order in His Privy Council on the Fourteenth Day of June, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty-two, ſo far as the ſame remain unaltered by the Regulations made by Us in Our Council on the Twenty-eighth Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-ſix, and according to the further Regulations then there made, and Our Inſtructions given to Our ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, touching the ſame: And whereas many Ships and Veſſels belonging to Our loving Subjects, continue ſeveral Years trading from Port to Port in the Mediterranean, without returning Home, whereby they cannot ſo conveniently procure their Paſſes to be exchanged; We do hereby, for the Eaſe of Our trading Subjects, publiſh and declare Our Pleaſure, That upon the Application of any Owner of any Ship or Veſſel, or other ſubſtantial Merchant, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and Oath made by him of the Property of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and that Three Fourths of the Company are Our Subjects, according to an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Royal Predeceſſor King Charles the Second, (intituled, "An Act for encouraging and encreaſing of "Shipping and Navigation,") or ſuch other Proportion as may be authorized by Act of Parliament, and upon entering into a Bond for the Return of ſuch Paſs at the End of Three Years, or of the Voyage, if that ſhall ſooner determine, it ſhall and may be lawful for Our Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, for the Time being, and they are reſpectively empowered to make out a New Paſs for ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and ſend the ſame to ſuch of Our Conſuls in the Mediterranean as the ſaid Owner or Merchant ſhall deſire, with Direction to ſuch Conſul, that, upon Application to him from the Maſter of the Ship, for which the Paſs is made out, and ſurrendering up his Old Paſs, and entering into a like Bond for the Return of ſuch New Paſs, he ſhall deliver out the ſaid New Paſs to ſuch Maſter, and tranſmit the Old One, with the Bond, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in order more effectually to hinder, for the future, any Abuſes that may be attempted by Foreigners relating to the New Paſſes to be iſſued as aforeſaid; We do hereby further declare Our Royal Will and Pleaſure, That all ſuch New Paſſes, to be hereafter iſſued for any Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, belonging to any of Our Subjects, inhabiting the Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar, ſhall be made out in a peculiar Form, different from the Form of the New Paſſes, to be iſſued for Ships and Veſſels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions; and that ſuch New Paſſes ſhall be lodged with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, of the ſaid Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar, and iſſued out only by him, according to the Regulations made by Our ſaid Royal Predeceſſor King George the Firſt, and Ourſelf in Council as aforeſaid: And the ſaid Governor, Lieutenant-

nant Governor and Commander in Chief, is hereby charged and required, not to iſſue or deliver out any ſuch Paſſes to any Perſons whatſoever, other than ſuch as are really Our Subjects, inhabiting in the ſaid Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar, and ſtrictly to conform themſelves to the Regulations and Inſtructions made and given as aforeſaid: But in regard it ſometimes happens, that Ships belonging to Our Subjects of other Parts of Our Dominions, call in at Gibraltar without Paſſes, and have Occaſion to be furniſhed therewith; We do, for the further Conveniency of Trade, hereby publiſh and declare Our Royal Will and Pleaſure, That it ſhall and may be lawful for Our Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, and they are reſpectively hereby impowered, to lodge Mediterranean Paſſes, of the ſame Form with the New Paſſes, for Ships and Veſſels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions, in the Hands of Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar, with Directions to him to iſſue and deliver out ſuch Paſſes to any of Our Subjects, not being Inhabitants of the ſaid Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar; provided the Perſon or Perſons applying for the ſame, do comply with and conform to the ſeveral Rules and Regulations now in Uſe, and required to be obſerved by ſuch Our other Subjects. And We do hereby order, That the Commiſſioners of Our Cuſtoms in Great Britain, and the Commiſſioners of Our Revenue in Ireland, do cauſe to be carried into Execution ſuch Parts of the ſaid Order of Council of the Fourteenth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, concerning Paſſes, as relate to themſelves, and the proper Officers under them, ſo far as the ſame remains now in Force, and of Our Order aforeſaid, made in Council, on the Twenty eighth of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy ſix; and that they do direct their Officers in the ſeveral Ports of Our Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, to demand of the Maſters of all Merchant Ships, ſo ſoon as they ſhall return into Port from a Foreign Voyage, all Paſſes granted as aforeſaid, which ſhall be in their Poſſeſſion, to be produced to the ſaid reſpective Officers of Our Cuſtoms; and that if the ſame ſhall appear to be of an older Date than Twelve Months, for Ships and Veſſels trading on this Side the Streights Mouth, or for Ships and Veſſels trading to a greater Diſtance, in caſe the Voyages of ſuch laſt mentioned Ships and Veſſels ſhall be determined, then ſuch Paſſes ſhall be delivered up to the ſaid reſpective Officers of Our Cuſtoms, and be by them returned to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in caſe the Maſter of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall refuſe to produce or deliver up ſuch Paſſes, according to the true Intent of Our ſaid Order, then the ſaid Officer ſhall certify the Name of every ſuch Maſter, and of the Ship or Veſſel, to Our Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or to Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, to the End that Directions may be given for putting the Bond, entered into on the granting any ſuch Paſs, in Suit: And all Our Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Commanders in Chief of any of Our Iſlands, Colonies or Plantations, Conſuls reſiding in Foreign Parts, and all other Our Officers and Miniſters whatſoever, and all other Our loving Subjects whom it may concern, are hereby expreſly required and commanded to yield due Obedience unto, and ſtrictly to obſerve all the Orders, Inſtructions, Regulations, and Directions before mentioned, on Pain of Our High Diſpleaſure.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Thirty-firſt Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty three, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1784.

SUCH Ladies as deſire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Monday the 19th Inſtant, are requeſted to ſend their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office on or before Friday the 16th, and to ſend for their Tickets the next Day, (Saturday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Day of the Ball, after Two o'Clock.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1784.

TO prevent the Inconveniencies which have ariſen from the Space before Their Majeſties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requeſted that thoſe Ladies only who mean to dance will ſend for Dancers Tickets, and ſit in thoſe Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

War-Office, January 13, 1784.

2d Troop of Horſe Grenadier Guards, Thomas Pechell, Gent. is appointed to be Sub-Lieutenant, vice Thomas Hawkins.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, Robert Cheny, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Thomas Crowder.

10th Regiment of Foot, John Dolbel, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Miles Sandys.

18th Regiment of Foot, Enſign William Ferguſon to be Lieutenant, vice William Percival.

24th Regiment of Foot, William Thwaits, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Alexander Graham.

Ditto, Lieutenant Robert Stiele to be Captain of a Company, vice Andrew Jameſon.

Ditto, Captain William Campbell, on the Half-Pay of the 24th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Ferguſon.

17th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Richard Stovin, on the Half-Pay of 17th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Simpſon.

51ſt Regiment of Foot, James Tourle, Gent. to be Enſign, vice William Riddick.

57th Regiment of Foot, Captain Charles Irwine, on the Half-Pay of the 57th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Long.

Ditto, Captain Neil Campbell, on the Half-Pay of the 2d Battalion of the 84th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Gilbert Waugh

62d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Drinkwater, on the Half-Pay in Lord Strathavan's late Corps of Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Samuel Pack.

71ſt Regiment of Foot, Enſign John Cole Bowen, of the 52d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice George Duncan.

Ditto, Lieutenant William Barker, of the 3d Dragoon Guards, to be Captain of a Company, vice Robert Hutchinſon.

76th Regiment of Foot, James Mac Donald, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Francis Cunynghame.

80th Regiment of Foot, Enſign Charles Maidand Barclay, of the 24th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Brown.

Commiſſions ſigned by His Majeſty for the Army in Ireland; all dated December 24, 1783.

8th Regiment of Dragoons, Mr. James Euſtace to be Cornet, vice George Crowe; by Purchaſe.

Ditto, Mr. John Trotter to be Cornet, vice Arthur Henry Irwine, who retires.

14th Dragoons, Cornet James Leatham to be Lieutenant, vice Sir George Dunbar, Bart. promoted.

48th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Jones, from the Half-Pay of the 11th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Gordon, who exchanges.

49th Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Fownes Luttrell, from the Half-Pay of the 89th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice William Hungerford Luttrell, who exchanges.

67th Foot, Mr. Charles Steward to be Adjutant, vice George Rawlins, who exchanges.

103d Foot, Mr. George Rawlins to be Adjutant, vice Charles Steward.

Ditto, Mr. John Burroughs to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Montgomery, promoted.

105th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Montgomery, of the 103d Foot, to be Captain, vice Charles Vallancey.

STAFF.

Captain Charles Vallancey, of the 105th Foot, to be Major of Brigade.

Conſtantinople, December 10. We have had ſeveral Accidents of the Plague ſince laſt Poſt; notwithſtanding which the Mortality is almoſt entirely ceaſed. We now flatter ourſelves, that the cold Weather may put a total Stop to the Contagion, which has coſt this City at leaſt Eighty Thouſand Inhabitants ſince laſt June.

Vienna, December 24. By a Courier arrived from Mantua we learn, that His Imperial Majeſty intended to reach Florence on the 19th, and Rome on the 24th Inſtant. After remaining a Day, or at moſt Two Days, in the laſt mentioned Capital, the Emperor will continue his Journey to Naples.

Whitehall, January 5, 1784.

WHEREAS it has been humbly repreſented unto the King, that an anonymous Threatening Letter was found within the Pales before the Houſe of Simon Debank, Eſq; in the Spout-ſtreet, in Leek, in the County of Stafford, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, of Friday the 19th Day of December laſt, of which the following is a Copy, viz.

" Mr. Dabank

" Sir this to inform you that that there Come-
" pants amongſt the poor about you thay ſay you
" never behave any way like a Gentleman Sir you
" are in very grate danger i chanced to over here
" ſome Perſons and thay was of a reſalution to
" to diſtroy you and take all you have thay would
" deſtroy all you had and you there is 10 of them
" ſwore togathe and i aſked them forbare i wold
" rite a leter rathe till be ſo raſh but tha Lad old
" on me and would kill me and i beged for mercy
" and they ſwore me very ſtrictley not betray them
" i durſt not for all the world i ſhold be cild by ſome
" of them i neve has no reſt ſince they ſaid they
" wou'd be content with ten pound a piece and put
" it under that Litle cros beond Litle berchal by
" ſeterday night and put it ſomething and put a
" clod before it or ſtand chance if you make a clam
" er i think it will very bad on your ſide all the
" world cannot ſave you but do as you think beſt
" and you do thay are ſwore they never troble you
" if i had all the world i wold let it go rather
" ſtand chance for ſome have no no work and it
" is likely to be terable

" So no more."

His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in writing and dropping the ſaid anonymous Incendiary Letter above-mentioned, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His Moſt Gracious Pardon to any One of them, (except the Perſon who actually wrote the ſaid Letter) who ſhall diſcover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the ſaid Mr. Simon Debank doth hereby offer a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except as before is excepted) to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Whitehall, January 1, 1784.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, That about Eight o'Clock on Monday Night laſt, the Houſe of Philip Martin, Eſq; of Theydon Garnon, near Epping, in Eſſex, was entered by Four Men dreſſed in Smock Frocks, with their Faces blacked, who rung the Bell, and, on the Door being opened, ruſhed in, and, after ſecuring the Servants by locking them in the Cellar, ſtole the following Things, viz.

PLATE.

An Oval Silver Snuff Box with Brown Stone; a new ſmall Silver Fruit Knife; a large Waiter with Arms; 4 Oval Silver Salts engraved with a Lion, and 4 Salt Shovels; 2 very large Candleſticks and Sockets, with a Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Snuffer Pan; a Coffee-Pot and a Waiter engraved a Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Ink Stand for 3 Glaſſes; 5 large Table Spoons and 6 Deſert Spoons, with the Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Bottle Funnel; 12 Tea-Spoons; a Milk-Ewer; an old Pepper-Box; a large Silver Lamp; a Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles; a Pair of Silver Knee Buckles.

RINGS.

A Diamond Hoop Ring; a Purple Ditto ſet with 4 Diamonds; Mourning Rings inſcribed Sir Edwd. Smith, 1744, Wm. Martin, 1717, Mary King, (ſet) 1781, and ſeveral more.

WATCHES.

A Gold Repeating Watch, Maker's Name Tompion; a Gold Watch, Maker's Name Witchcote; a Yellow Metal Watch, Maker's Name Witchcote,

WEARING APPAREL and LINEN.

Several Shirts, Shifts, Callico Shifts, and Laced Womens Short Ruffles, marked M and numbered; a Striped Silk Gown; a Black Sattin Cloak full Laced; ſeveral Womens Handkerchiefs, and other Wearing Apparel.

His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Robbery, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplices therein, ſo that they, or any of them, ſhall be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered to any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, to be paid by the ſaid Philip Martin, Eſq; upon the Conviction of each of the ſaid Offenders.

P. Martin.

Navy-Office, December 27, 1783.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 15th of January they will treat with such Persons as are willing to supply His Majesty's Yard at Plymouth with Platerers Wares. The Contract to commence in Six Months.

General Post-Office, November 18, 1783.

A SUFFICIENT Number of Packet Boats of about 200 Tons and 30 Hands are established between Falmouth and New-York to support a monthly Correspondence, and the Mails will continue to be dispatched as at present from London and from New-York upon the First Wednesday in every Month.

All Persons are however to take Notice, that instead of its being any longer left to the Option of the Writer to pay or not the Postage beforehand, there is now a Necessity for the Postage on all Letters from any Part of Great-Britain or Ireland for North America to be paid up to London, without which they must be opened and returned to the Writers, but the Packet Postage of one Shilling for a single Letter and so in Proportion between London and New-York, may or not be paid at at each Place before-hand.

And all Persons upon the Continent of Europe and of North America corresponding with each other by these Packet Boats are to take particular Notice, that they are to put their Letters under Cover to their Friends in London.

Likewise, all Persons in Great-Britain or Ireland desirous of sending any Letters for the United States of America by the French Packet Boats, are to cause them to be put under Cover to some Correspondant at Paris.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

Anthony Todd, *Sec.*

Navy-Office, January 6, 1783.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 23d instant, they will treat with such Persons as may be willing to perform the Painter's Works in His Majesty's Yard at Sheerness. The Contract to commence in Six Months.

New Flte-Office.

January 10, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a General Meeting of the Proprietors will be held at their House in Lombard-street, on Wednesday the 21st Instant, for the Election of Five Trustees and Fifteen Directors for the Year ensuing.

The Ballot will begin at Twelve, and close at Three o'Clock.

Lugger La Caprice, Recapture.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Ship Winchelsea, Sir John Borlase Warren, Commander, that the remaining Moiety of said Prize will be paid them on Saturday the 17th of January instant, at the Castle, Mark-lane, where the Recalls will be paid for Three Years to come, or further Notice.

G. Heathcote, *of London, Agent.*

Goede Vreede Prize.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Ship Garland, J. Stanhope, Esq; Commander, and Armed Cutter Sandwich, J. Sayer, Commander, who were on Board at the Time of the Capture, on the 20th of September, 1779, that the Money due to them will be paid at the Castle in Mark-Lane, on Saturday the 17th Instant, where the Recalls will be paid the First Saturday in the Month for Three Years to come.

G. Heathcote, *of London,*
G. Lawtance, *of Deal,* } *Agents.*

December 24, 1783.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership between Jonathan Hitchon and Henry Wood, of Chandos street, Haberdashers and Whalebone-cutters, was this Day dissolved by mutual Consent.

Jon. Hitchon.
Henry Wood.

WHEREAS the Partnership which lately subsisted between us the undersigned William Gaisford Peach, Nathaniel Peach, and John Gidley, as Clothiers, at Rookesmore, in the County of Gloucester, was, on the 18th Day of September, totally dissolved and broke up, the said William Gaisford Peach having retired therefrom, and assigned all his Shares and Interests therein unto us the said Nathaniel Peach and John Gidley, who are by him duly authorized to receive all Debts and Monies due to the same Partnership; we do therefore hereby give Notice, that the said Trade and Business will be carried on by the said Nathaniel Peach and John Gidley, who propose to continue the same in every Branch and Department thereof, in a Line equally as extensive, and to act upon the same liberal Principles of Honor, Punctuality and Dispatch, which has ever distinguished the House or Firm of Peaches and Gidley.

Nathaniel Peach.
John Gidley.
Wm. Gaisford Peach.

Birmingham, January 1, 1784.

THE Partnership lately subsisting between Abel Humphrys and Thomas Cheeke Lea, Drapers, under the Firm of Humphrys and Lea, Birmingham, is this Day dissolved by mutual Consent: All Debts due to the said Partnership to be paid to the said Abel Humphrys, who is duly authorized to receive the same.

Abel Humphrys.
Thomas Cheeke Lea.

Birmingham, January 1, 1784.

THE Partnership lately subsisting between Thomas Cheeke Lea and John Llewellyn, Factors, under the Firm of Lea and Llewelyn, Factors, under the Firm of Lea and Llewelyn, Birmingham, is this Day dissolved by mutual Consent: All Debts due to the said Partnership to be paid to the said John Llewelyn, who is duly authorized to receive the same.

Thomas Cheeke Lea.
John Llewelyn.

PUrsuant to a Decree of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, the Creditors of Thomas Bowman, late of Old Brentford in the County of Middlesex, Gardener, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before Francis Ingram, Esq; Deputy Remembrancer of the said Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Alexander Thomson, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Thursday the 29th Day of January instant, between the Hours of Six and Seven o'Clock in the Evening, The valuable and extensive Freehold Manor of Fryston with Ferrybridge, situate on the Banks of the navigable River Air, in the West Riding of the County of York, within Two Miles of Pontefract, together with the Mansion-house, Offices, Stables, Gardens, Plantations, and 1252a Acres of Land, or thereabouts, all completely inclosed, together with the Colliery there, consisting of Four Seams of Coal, the Fifth Seam won, and Two Rise Pits opened: The Colliery was in Working Two Years ago, is a good Coal, and from the Borings, lies fair and regular through 600 Acres. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

PUrsuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for Enlarging the Time of William Hopkinson, now or late of Fleet-street, London, Merchant, (a Bankrupt) to surrender himself, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, for Forty-nine Days, to be computed from